

AN ORDINANCE by Debi Starnes

An Ordinance to allow the transfer of funds within Councilmember accounts and to waive Section 2-39(b), to allow this transfer.

WHEREAS, Section 2-39 was amended in 2001 by placing the present restriction on transferring appropriations for salaries permanent part-time to other accounts,

AND WHEREAS, with the exception of Council members, all other departments are authorized to initiate transfers among the accounts in their respective cost centers,

AND WHEREAS, in response to lower general fund revenues and reduced operating expenditures, Council members voluntarily reduced their individual 2002 appropriations in amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000,

AND WHEREAS, the restrictions imposed by Section 2-39(b), combined with voluntary reductions in appropriations that were transferred only from the operating cost centers, limit the ability of Council members to effectively operate their offices,

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED that Section 2-39(b) be waived for the year end of 2002, so that Council members who need to transfer funds from the salaries permanent part-time to their other cost centers, to cover the ordinary and authorized expenses of their offices, may do so.